

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! / Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, / Galilee of the nations! / The people that lived in darkness / has seen a great light; / on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death / a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form: 4: 12-17

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

CHRIST'S LIGHT

Many of us have had the experience of searching desperately for a torch or candle in the midst of a blackout. It can be a confusing and discouraging time till we find some source of light. Isaiah knew that the people of Galilee were in need of some encouragement and light in those dark days after the Assyrians had conquered their cities and led them into exile. He looks forward in hope to the day when God will lead them home and remove their burden.

For Matthew Jesus' ministry could be best understood and viewed through the filter of Isaiah's prophecy. A light dawns as Jesus begins his ministry, a ministry of teaching, healing and encouragement. The burden the people carry is now being gently lifted away by Jesus' compassion and care. It is, however, a ministry that is not to be Jesus' alone. From the beginning, others such as Peter and Andrew, James and John, are called to share generously in bringing others into the light of the kingdom.

When members of Chloe's household reported to Paul that the Corinthian community was divided he knew that they had unwittingly returned to fumbling around lost in the dark. How was he to bring them back? First of all, he reminds them that Paul, Apollos and Cephas were to be seen as nothing more other than the bearers and preachers of Christ's light. He forcefully reminds them that their unity is to be found in Jesus who gave the most eloquent sermon of all when he offered his life on the cross.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

22 JANUARY 2023

JESUS, OUR LIGHT. At times we can find ourselves 'walking in darkness.' We get caught up in difficulties and cannot see a way out. Today's liturgy reminds us that Jesus is our light and our salvation. As with the first disciples, he calls us to follow him. In the Gospels we have the Good News that brings light into the dark moments of our lives.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 95:1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the

Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isa 8:23-9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

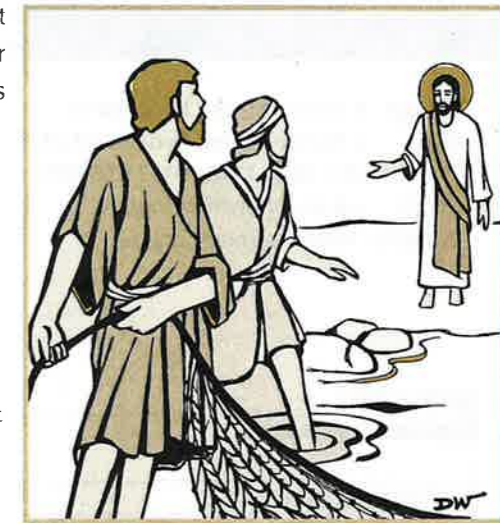
RESP PSALM

Ps 26:1, 4,13-14. R.v.1

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; / whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the stronghold of my life; / before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, / for this I long, / to live in the house of the Lord, / all the days of my life, / to savour the sweetness of the Lord, / to behold his temple. **R.**



3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness / in the land of the living. / Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. / Hope in the Lord! **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:10-13,17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 4:12-23

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.



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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30am
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell, Corazon Santos - Betty Griffin, Des Howard, Maurice Reid - Fr Peter Maher

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dinny Lyons, Eileen Muldoon, Patricia Broderick, Rose Fernandes, Fr Peter Neville, Lorna Buckley, Vilma Roberts - Judy Stanton, Fr Manoj Manuel, Alessandro Arcamone, Antonietta Russo, Edna Mary Pyne, Valma O'Mara, Pack Hee-Yea (Columba), Radolfo Agcaoli, Clive Constable, John Zouki, Cecilia Hiutama-Purnama, Nat O'Laughlin, Greg Shore.

Rosters – 28/29 January

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm Caterina Cipri, Monica Jung
Sun. 7.30am Lynette Rodrigues
Sun. 10.00am Pamela McKay
Vartguess Markarian

Counters:

Lectors:

Patrick Edouard-Betsy
Vigil 5.30pm Eli Ogrizek, Anne-Marie Hewkins
Sun. 7.30am Angela Finnane, Will Finnane,
Sun. 10.00am Glenys Oxlee, Anton Fernando



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Sashenka De Silva** who was baptised on Sunday 8th January 2023.

MONTHLY ROSARY AT THE SHOPS

Please join us in a Public Rosary which takes place at 3pm on the last Saturday of each month. We pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the Rosary. It takes about 40 minutes. Prayers will **begin at 3pm** sharp at Ermington Shops, opposite the post office on **Saturday the 28th of January**. Comment: Carry a Rosary with you as you go about your day. (Brian Nairn 0409306381).

CATHOLIC COURSE

Our Catholic Faith Course resumes on **Wednesday 25th January at 7.30pm**. Anyone who would like to become a Catholic or to learn more about the Catholic faith is welcome – Fr Peter

BREAKFAST CLUB

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2023 - 8.30AM

Young adults aged 18-35 - You are invited for a breakfast feast. Join other young adults for faith, fellowship, food and fun!
Venue: 4 Albion St, Dundas.
RSVP: Sulyn Leslie 0408 966 632



HOLY MASS AUSTRALIA DAY

Holy Mass will be celebrated at **9.15am** on Thursday 26th January to mark our national day.

SAVE THE DATE – MEMORIAL MASS OF ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



You are invited to the Memorial Mass of St Josephine Bakhita, Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan, and victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on **Sunday 19 February at 2pm** at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. We hope you will join us to commemorate the victims of modern slavery and human trafficking in Australia and worldwide and look forward to celebrating the legacy of St Josephine Bakhita with you.

ANNUAL LEGAL RED MASS: 6 FEBRUARY

Members of the judiciary and legal community, public service officials, law students and their families are cordially invited to the annual Legal Red Mass on **Monday 6 February 2023** at St Patrick's Cathedral at 7pm. The Red Mass is an opportunity to reaffirm a commitment to justice and faith in the new year. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance by **3 February** via enquiry@stpatrcathedral.com.au or (02) 8839 8400.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING 2023

The inaugural St Vincent De Paul meeting for 2023 will be held on **Tuesday 31st January at 7.30pm**. Joining our Parish's SVDP group is a superb & practical way to put your faith into action and new members are most welcome to join!

READERS NEEDED

We are desperately short of Readers for all Masses. Please prayerfully consider taking on this role. The next roster begins 5th March and training is provided. Please contact Glenys Oxlee on 0488 288 633 by **11th February** for more information &/or if you would like to join the roster.



DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WYD23 PILGRIMAGE

Registration for WYD23 in Lisbon has now opened. Young people aged 16-35 can now view our itinerary, inclusions, indicative pricing, register and pay their \$800 deposit to secure their place. Limited spaces still available to join our team of 170 pilgrims with Bishop Vincent. Visit www.parrawyd.org

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – **February 5** in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodsonday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP

The group meet after 9.15am Mass and reflect on Sunday's Liturgy of the Word. All welcome. Contact Irene 0418 403 358 if you need transport.



SCAM EMAIL

It has come to our attention that scam emails are being sent to our parishioners. It is from a gmail address and claims to come from Father Peter. These types of emails are a scam, please do not reply and never give them any personal details nor money. The ACCC has a website called Scamwatch that helps you recognise scams and avoid them. www.scamwatch.gov.au

GLENBROOK PARISH SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION AND TALK: 21 FEBRUARY

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a presentation by local parishioner and former journalist William West on the Shroud of Turin on **Tuesday 21 February at 7.30pm**. William will discuss the history of the Shroud, which he explores in his book *Riddles of the Shroud – Questions Science Can't Answer*. Entry is via gold coin donation. To RSVP, please contact secretary@stfinbars.org.au

ORDINATION TO THE PRESBYTERATE

Bishop Vincent Long and the Diocese of Parramatta invite you to the Ordination to the Presbyterate of Adam Carlow, Matthew Dimian and Jack Elkazzi on **Thursday 2 February at 7.30pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Please RSVP to the Cathedral Parish team at secretary@stpatrcathedral.com.au if you are able to attend. We hope you will be able to join us at this joyous event for our Diocese and our faith community.

FAITH & FORMATION SESSION FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

You are invited to a faith & formation session for those who work & volunteer in the health care ministries of the Church on **Saturday 11 February**, from 9am to 10.30am at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Join us afterwards for the World Day of the Sick Mass at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Please **RSVP for catering purposes by 6 February** to met@parracatholic.org. For enquiries, please contact Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Saturday, 28 January – Saint Thomas Aquinas

Born in Aquino, Italy, in 1225, St Thomas Aquinas is one of the most important philosophers in the history of the Church. He began studying at the age of 5 at a Benedictine abbey. At 19 he decided to enter the newly formed Order of Preachers. As a Dominican, Thomas distinguished himself first as a student of Albert the Great and after as a teacher in Paris. His *Summa Theologiae* is a masterful synthesis of faith and reason, and the classic text for a comprehensive theological formation. St Thomas is the patron of Catholic schools, scholars, theologians & booksellers. He was named the Angelic Doctor in 1567, a title that, as Pope Benedict XVI said, expresses "the sublimity of his thought and the purity of his life."



"When the devil is called the god of this world, it is not because he made it, but because we serve him with our worldliness." – St Thomas Aquinas